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GREATEST NEWSPAPER VICTORY IN HISTORY. JOURNAL SAVES MONEY FOR EVERYBODY. GAS, 65c.

Brings Down the Price of Gas from \$1.10 TO 65c. a Thousand, but Better Will Come—When the City's Own Plant Will Make the Price 50c.

THE MUTUAL GAS COMPANY yesterday reduced the price of gas from \$1.10 per thousand cubic feet to 65 cents. The Consolidated, which is a bird of the same feather, made a similar reduction. The reduction is the direct result of the Journal's agitation for a municipal gas plant. The companies say it is the result of a war among themselves. If there had been no threat of the city's building its own gas works there would have been no war. The people have triumphed and gas in Manhattan is nearly 50 cents cheaper, but the city must possess its own gas works, or the relief will be only temporary. The warring companies will very soon come to an understanding and gas will go back to its old figure unless there is municipal gas to play policeman to the corporations and keep them from looting the public. Sixty-five cent gas is a great triumph for the Journal and for the people, but the municipal gas plant must be built. The necessity is greater than ever.

THE DIARY OF A GREAT VICTORY.

How The Journal Brought About the Saving to Every New Yorker of Nearly One-Half the Amount of His Gas Bill.

THE CALENDAR OF THE WAR FOR CHEAPER GAS.

April 5, 1899.—The Journal editorially demanded the building of a municipal gas plant.

April 6.—Building Trades Section of the Central Federated Labor Union indorsed the Journal's plan.

April 7.—Mayors of American cities and politico-economists indorsed the proposed plan for a municipal gas plant.

April 8.—General Committee of Tammany passes resolutions demanding a law authorizing city gas and appointing a committee of twenty-five to go to Albany to urge the passage of the bill.

April 9.—Mayor Van Wyck and Richard Croker make statements through the Journal exclusively in favor of municipal gas and point out that the city, instead of paying a million a year for lighting, should get its light and make a profit of five or six millions a year, and at the same time cut the citizens' gas bills in two.

April 10.—The Journal exposed the cupidity of the Gas Trust by revealing the fact that a syndicate had organized whose experts showed that it would make a big profit selling gas to citizens of Greater New York for 50 cents per thousand cubic feet.

April 11.—Bill authorizing New York City to establish a system of gas supply introduced by Senator Donnelly in the Senate and by Assemblyman Harburger in the House.

April 12.—The Journal polls the Legislature and shows a strong sentiment in favor of the municipal gas bill.

April 13.—Non-partisan committee of twelve eminent New Yorkers organized to forward the cause of municipal gas.

April 29.—Consolidated Gas stock falls 7 points in Wall Street.

May 1.—Mutual Gas Company announces its rate cut from \$1.10 to 65 cents per thousand cubic feet. Consolidated Company and others meet the cut.

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